

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application  
PCT/EP2003/013921 filed December 9, 2003**

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 12-32 are currently pending in the instant application.

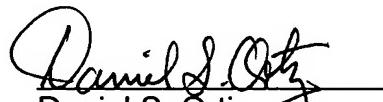
Applicants request that the amendments be entered in the specification. The amendments to the specification are of an editorial nature to enter headings required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. No new matter has been entered by amendment to the specification.

The claims have been amended to place them in a form for ready examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Original claims 1-11 have been cancelled; new claims 12-32 have been entered. The new claims are no narrower than the cancelled original claims but directed to a method. No new matter has been entered by amendment to the claims.

No amendment to the claims was entered to overcome any prior art of which Applicants are aware.

Favorable consideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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